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SYNOPSIS

Establishes new limits for campaign contributions by individuals, certain groups and campaign committees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1 **AN ACT** concerning campaign contribution limits for individuals,
2 certain groups and campaign committees, and amending and
3 supplementing various parts of the statutory law.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. Section 2 of P.L.2004, c.174 (C.19:44A-7.3) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 2. a. No later than July 1 of each year preceding any year in
11 which a general election is to be held to fill the office of Governor
12 for a four-year term, the commission shall issue a report setting
13 forth its recommendations for the adjustment of the amounts, set
14 forth in subsection b. of this section and applicable to P.L.1973,
15 c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.), to primary and general elections for any
16 public office other than the office of Governor, to limitations on
17 contributions **【to and from political committees, continuing**
18 political committees,**】** between candidate committees, joint
19 candidates committees, political party committees and legislative
20 leadership committees and to other amounts, at a percentage which
21 shall be the same as the percentage of change that the commission
22 applies to the amounts used for the primary and general elections
23 for the office of Governor held in the third year preceding the year
24 in which that December 1 occurs, pursuant to section 19 of
25 P.L.1980, c.74 (C.19:44A-7.1). Any amount so recommended for
26 adjustment shall be rounded in the same manner as provided in that
27 section.

28 b. The amounts to be recommended for adjustment as provided
29 under this section shall be:

30 (1) **【the maximum amount of contributions permitted to be**
31 made by an individual, a corporation or labor organization to a
32 candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee, the
33 maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made by a
34 political committee or a continuing political committee to a
35 candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee other
36 than the committee of a candidate for nomination or election to the
37 office of Governor and**】** the maximum amount of contributions
38 permitted to be made by one candidate, candidate committee or
39 joint candidates committee, other than the committee of a candidate
40 for nomination or election to the office of Governor, to another
41 candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee other
42 than the committee of a candidate for nomination or election to the
43 office of Governor pursuant to section 18 of P.L.1993, c.65
44 (C.19:44A-11.3);

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

 Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 (2) the maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made
2 by **【an individual, corporation, labor organization, political**
3 **committee, continuing political committee,】** a candidate committee
4 or joint candidates committee **【or any other group】** to any political
5 party committee or any legislative leadership committee pursuant to
6 section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4); and

7 (3) the maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made
8 by a candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee
9 to a political committee or a continuing political committee and the
10 maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made by one
11 political committee or continuing political committee to another
12 political committee or continuing political committee pursuant to
13 section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5).

14 c. No later than July 15 of each year preceding any year in
15 which a general election is to be held to fill the office of Governor
16 for a four-year term, the commission shall transmit a copy of its
17 report to each member of the Legislature and make public its
18 recommended adjustment of limits pursuant to this section. The
19 Legislature shall have the option of adopting all or part of the
20 recommended adjustments by the passage of appropriate legislation.
21 (cf: P.L.2004, c.174, s.2)

22
23 2. (New section) a. Not later than December 1 of each year
24 preceding any year in which a general election is to be held to fill
25 the office of Governor for a four-year term, the Election Law
26 Enforcement Commission shall adjust the amounts, set forth in
27 subsection b. of this section, which shall be applicable under
28 P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.) to primary and general
29 elections for any public office other than the office of Governor at a
30 percentage which shall be the same as the rate of annual percentage
31 increase over four years, rounded to the nearest half-percent, in the
32 Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchases
33 of Goods and Services, computed and published quarterly by the
34 United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic
35 Analysis, based upon the average of the annual increase therein at
36 the fourth quarter which occurred in the next preceding local fiscal
37 year for the preceding four years.

38 b. The amounts subject to adjustment as provided under this
39 section shall be:

40 (1) the maximum total amount of contributions permitted to be
41 made by an individual, a corporation or labor organization to a
42 candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee, the
43 maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made by a
44 political committee or a continuing political committee to a
45 candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee other
46 than the committee of a candidate for nomination or election to the
47 office of Governor;

1 (2) the maximum total amount of contributions permitted to be
2 made by an individual, corporation, labor organization, political
3 committee, continuing political committee, or any other group to
4 any other political committee or continuing political committee, or
5 any political party committee or legislative leadership committee
6 pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4).

7 c. Not later than December 15 of each year preceding any year
8 in which a general election is to be held to fill the office of
9 Governor for a four-year term, the commission shall report to the
10 Legislature and make public its adjustment of limits in accordance
11 with the provisions of this section. Whenever, following the
12 transmittal of that report, the commission shall have notice that a
13 person has declared as a candidate for nomination for election or for
14 election to any public office in a forthcoming primary or general
15 election, it shall promptly notify that candidate of the amounts of
16 those adjusted limits.

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18 3. Section 18 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.3) is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 18. a. No individual, other than an individual who is a candidate,
21 no corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the
22 laws of this State or any other state or any country other than the
23 United States, no labor organization of any kind which exists or is
24 constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
25 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
26 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
27 protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
28 no continuing political committee, or any group shall: (1) pay or
29 make any **[contribution]** contributions of money or other thing of
30 value to **[a candidate]** candidates who **[has]** have established only
31 a candidate committee, **[his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign**
32 **treasurer or candidate committee]** which in the aggregate **[exceeds**
33 **\$2,600 per election]** exceed \$15,000 per year for all candidates, or
34 (2) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value
35 to candidates who have established only **[a]** joint candidates
36 **[committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or**
37 **joint candidates committee]** committees, which in the aggregate
38 **[exceeds \$2,600 per election per candidate]** exceed \$15,000 per
39 year for all candidates, or (3) pay or make any contribution of
40 money or other thing of value to **[a candidate]** candidates who
41 **[has]** have established both a candidate committee and a joint
42 candidates committee, **[the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign**
43 **treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates committee]**
44 which in the aggregate **[exceeds \$2,600 per election]** exceed
45 \$15,000 per year for all candidates. No **[candidate]** candidates who
46 **[has]** have established only a candidate committee **[, his campaign**

1 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee] shall
2 knowingly accept from an individual, other than an individual who
3 is a candidate, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated
4 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other
5 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists
6 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
7 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
8 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
9 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
10 continuing political committee or any group any [contribution]
11 contributions of money or other thing of value which in the
12 aggregate [exceeds \$2,600 per election] exceed \$15,000 per year
13 for all candidates, and no candidates who have established only [a]
14 joint candidates [committee, or their campaign treasurer, deputy
15 campaign treasurer, or joint candidates committee,] committees
16 shall knowingly accept from any such source any [contribution]
17 contributions of money or other thing of value which in the
18 aggregate [exceeds \$2,600 per election per candidate] exceed
19 \$15,000 per year for all candidates, and no [candidate] candidates
20 who [has] have established both a candidate committee and a joint
21 candidates [committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign
22 treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates committee]
23 committees, shall knowingly accept from any such source any
24 [contribution] contributions of money or other thing of value which
25 in the aggregate [exceeds \$2,600 per election] exceed \$15,000 per
26 year for all candidates.

27 b. [(1) No political committee or continuing political
28 committee shall: (a) pay or make any contribution of money or
29 other thing of value to a candidate who has established only a
30 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
31 treasurer or candidate committee, other than a candidate for
32 nomination for election or for election for the office of Governor,
33 which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, or (b) pay or
34 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
35 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
36 their campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer, or the joint
37 candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per
38 election per candidate, or (c) pay or make any contribution of
39 money or other thing of value to a candidate who has established
40 both a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee, the
41 campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate
42 committee or joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate
43 exceeds \$8,200 per election. No candidate who has established
44 only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy
45 campaign treasurer or candidate committee, other than a candidate
46 for nomination for election or for election for the office of

1 Governor, shall knowingly accept from any political committee or
2 continuing political committee any contribution of money or other
3 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election,
4 and no candidates who have established only a joint candidates
5 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
6 joint candidates committee, shall knowingly accept from any such
7 source any contribution of money or other thing of value which in
8 the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election per candidate, and no
9 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a
10 joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy
11 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates
12 committee shall knowingly accept from any such source any
13 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
14 aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election.

15 (2) The limitation upon the knowing acceptance by a candidate,
16 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate
17 committee or joint candidates committee of any contribution of
18 money or other thing of value from a political committee or
19 continuing political committee under the provisions of paragraph
20 (1) of this subsection shall also be applicable to the knowing
21 acceptance of any such contribution from **】** Notwithstanding the
22 provisions of subsection a. of this section, the county committee of
23 a political party **【by】** shall be permitted to make contributions of
24 \$8,200 per year in the aggregate to a candidate or the campaign
25 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate committee or joint
26 candidates committee of a candidate for any elective public office
27 in another county or, in the case of a candidate for nomination for
28 election or for election to the office of member of the Legislature,
29 in a legislative district in which, according to the federal decennial
30 census upon the basis of which legislative districts shall have been
31 established, less than 20% of the population resides within the
32 county of that county committee. In addition, all contributor
33 reporting requirements and other restrictions and regulations
34 applicable to a contribution of money or other thing of value by a
35 political committee or continuing political committee under the
36 provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et al.) shall likewise be
37 applicable to the making or payment of such a contribution by such
38 a county committee.

39 **【**The limitation upon the knowing acceptance by a candidate,
40 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate
41 committee or joint candidates committee of any contribution of
42 money or other thing of value from a political committee or
43 continuing political committee under the provisions of paragraph
44 (1) of this subsection, except that the amount of any contribution of
45 money or other thing of value shall be in an amount which in the
46 aggregate does not exceed \$25,000, shall also be applicable to the
47 knowing acceptance of any such contribution from**】**

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this section, the
2 county committee of a political party [by] shall be permitted to
3 make contributions of \$25,000 per year in the aggregate to a
4 candidate, or the campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer,
5 candidate committee or joint candidates committee of a candidate,
6 for nomination for election or for election to the office of member
7 of the Legislature in a legislative district in which, according to the
8 federal decennial census upon the basis of which legislative districts
9 shall have been established, at least 20% but less than 40% of the
10 population resides within the county of that county committee. In
11 addition, all contributor reporting requirements and other
12 restrictions and regulations applicable to a contribution of money or
13 other thing of value by a political committee or continuing political
14 committee under the provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et
15 al.) shall likewise be applicable to the making or payment of such a
16 contribution by such a county committee.

17 With respect to the limitations in this paragraph, the Legislature
18 finds and declares that:

19 (a) Persons making contributions to the county committee of a
20 political party have a right to expect that their money will be used,
21 for the most part, to support candidates for elective office who will
22 most directly represent the interest of that county;

23 (b) The practice of allowing a county committee to use funds
24 raised with this expectation to make unlimited contributions to
25 candidates for the Legislature who may have a limited, or even
26 nonexistent, connection with that county serves to undermine public
27 confidence in the integrity of the electoral process;

28 (c) Furthermore, the risk of actual or perceived corruption is
29 raised by the potential for contributors to circumvent limits on
30 contributions to candidates by [funnelling] funneling money to
31 candidates through county committees;

32 (d) The State has a compelling interest in preventing the
33 actuality or appearance of corruption and in protecting public
34 confidence in democratic institutions by limiting amounts which a
35 county committee may contribute to legislative candidates whose
36 districts are not located in close proximity to that county; and

37 (e) It is, therefore, reasonable for the State to promote this
38 compelling interest by limiting the amount a county committee may
39 give to a legislative candidate based upon the degree to which the
40 population of the legislative district overlaps with the population of
41 that county.

42 c. (1) No candidate who has established only a candidate
43 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
44 committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution of money or other
45 thing of value to another candidate who has established only a
46 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
47 treasurer or candidate committee, other than a candidate for

1 nomination for election or for election for the office of Governor,
2 which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, or (b) pay or
3 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
4 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
5 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint
6 candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per
7 election per candidate in the recipient committee, or (c) pay or
8 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a
9 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a
10 joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy
11 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates
12 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election. No
13 candidate who has established only a candidate committee, his
14 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or candidate
15 committee, other than a candidate for nomination for election or for
16 election to the office of the Governor, shall knowingly accept from
17 another candidate who has established only a candidate committee,
18 his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or candidate
19 committee, any contribution of money or other thing of value which
20 in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, and no candidates who
21 have established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign
22 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates committee,
23 shall knowingly accept from any such source any contribution of
24 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds
25 \$8,200 per election per candidate in the recipient committee, and no
26 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a
27 joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy
28 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates
29 committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source any
30 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
31 aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election.

32 (2) No candidates who have established only a joint candidates
33 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
34 joint candidates committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution
35 of money or other thing of value to another candidate who has
36 established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer,
37 deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee, other than a
38 candidate for nomination for election or for election for the office
39 of Governor, which in the aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each
40 candidate in the contributing joint candidates committee, \$8,200 per
41 election, or (b) pay or make any contribution of money or other
42 thing of value to candidates who have established only a joint
43 candidates committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
44 treasurer or joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate
45 exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the contributing joint
46 candidates committee, \$8,200 per election per candidate in the
47 recipient joint candidates committee, or (c) pay or make any

1 contribution of money or other thing of value to a candidate who
2 has established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
3 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers or
4 candidate committee or joint candidates committee, which in the
5 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the
6 contributing joint candidates committee, \$8,200 per election. No
7 candidate who has established only a candidate committee, his
8 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or candidate
9 committee, other than a candidate for nomination for election or for
10 election for the office of Governor, shall knowingly accept from
11 other candidates who have established only a joint candidates
12 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
13 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other
14 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each
15 candidate in the contributing committee, \$8,200 per election, and no
16 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
17 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint
18 candidates committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source
19 any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
20 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the
21 contributing joint candidates committee, \$8,200 per election per
22 candidate in the recipient joint candidates committee, and no
23 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a
24 joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy
25 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates
26 committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source any
27 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
28 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the
29 contributing joint candidates committee, \$8,200 per election.

30 (3) No candidate who has established both a candidate
31 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign
32 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or
33 joint candidates committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution
34 of money or other thing of value to another candidate who has
35 established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer,
36 deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee, other than a
37 candidate for nomination for election or for election for the office
38 of Governor, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, or
39 (b) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value
40 to candidates who have established only a joint candidates
41 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
42 joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200
43 per election per candidate in the recipient joint candidates
44 committee, or (c) pay or make any contribution of money or other
45 thing of value to a candidate who has established both a candidate
46 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign
47 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or

1 joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200
2 per election. No candidate who has established only a candidate
3 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
4 candidate committee, other than a candidate for nomination for
5 election or for election for the office of Governor, shall knowingly
6 accept from a candidate who has established both a candidate
7 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign
8 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or
9 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other
10 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election,
11 and no candidates who have established only a joint candidates
12 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
13 joint candidates committee, shall knowingly accept from any such
14 source any contribution of money or other thing of value which in
15 the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election per candidate in the
16 recipient joint candidates committee, and no candidate who has
17 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
18 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or
19 candidate committee or joint candidates committee shall knowingly
20 accept from any such source any contribution of money or other
21 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election.

22 (4) Expenditures by a candidate for nomination for election or
23 for election to the office of member of the Legislature or to an
24 office of a political subdivision of the State, or by the campaign
25 treasurer, deputy treasurer, candidate committee or joint candidates
26 committee of such a candidate, which are made in furtherance of the
27 nomination or election, respectively, of another candidate for the
28 same office in the same legislative district or the same political
29 subdivision shall not be construed to be subject to any limitation
30 under this subsection; for the purposes of this sentence, the offices
31 of member of the State Senate and member of the General
32 Assembly shall be deemed to be the same office.

33 d. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to
34 impose any limitation on contributions by a candidate, or by a
35 corporation, 100% of the stock in which is owned by a candidate or
36 the candidate's spouse, child, parent or sibling residing in the same
37 household, to that candidate's campaign.

38 e. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution
39 to be attributed as given to or by each candidate in a joint
40 candidates committee, the amount of the contribution to or by such
41 a committee shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the
42 committee.

43 (cf: P.L.2004, c.174, s.3)

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45 4. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to
46 read as follows:

1 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this
2 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
3 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
4 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any
5 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in
6 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers
7 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or
8 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,
9 no political committee, continuing political committee, [candidate
10 committee or joint candidates committee or any other group,] shall
11 pay or make any [contribution] contributions of money or other
12 thing of value to [the campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or other
13 representative of] the State [committee] committees of [a]
14 political [party] parties, the county committees of political parties,
15 the municipal committee of political parties or [the campaign
16 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of] any
17 legislative leadership [committee] committees, political
18 committees or continuing political committees, which in the
19 aggregate [exceeds \$25,000] exceed \$50,000 per year[, or in the
20 case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only
21 committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
22 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
23 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both
24 are established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that
25 candidate] in total to all such entities. No [campaign treasurer,
26 deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of the] State
27 [committee] committees of [a] political [party] parties, county
28 committees of political parties, municipal committees of political
29 parties or [campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other
30 representative of] any legislative leadership [committee]
31 committees, political committees or continuing political committees
32 shall knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of any
33 kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any
34 other state or any country other than the United States, a labor
35 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the
36 purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing
37 with employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of
38 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with
39 employment, a political committee, a continuing political
40 committee [, a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee
41 or any other group], any [contribution] contributions of money or
42 other thing of value which in the aggregate [exceeds \$25,000]
43 exceed \$50,000 per year [, or in the case of a joint candidates
44 committee when that is the only committee established by the
45 candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
46 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint

1 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
2 \$25,000 per year from that candidate**】** in total to all such entities.

3 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make
4 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
5 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
6 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds
7 \$72,000 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
8 treasurer or other representative of the State committee of a
9 political party shall knowingly accept from the national committee
10 of a political party any contribution of money or other thing of
11 value which in the aggregate exceeds \$72,000 per year.

12 b. **【**No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
13 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
14 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any
15 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in
16 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers
17 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or
18 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,
19 no political committee, continuing political committee, candidate
20 committee or joint candidates committee or any other group, shall
21 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
22 any county committee of a political party, which in the aggregate
23 exceeds \$37,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates
24 committee when that is the only committee established by the
25 candidates, \$37,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
26 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint
27 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
28 \$37,000 per year from that candidate. No campaign treasurer,
29 deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of a county
30 committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from an
31 individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated
32 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other
33 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists
34 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
35 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
36 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
37 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
38 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
39 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of
40 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds
41 \$37,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee
42 when that is the only committee established by the candidates,
43 \$37,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or
44 in the case of a candidate committee and a joint candidates
45 committee when both are established by a candidate, \$37,000 per
46 year from that candidate.**】** (Deleted by amendment, P.L. ____, c. __).
47 (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

1 c. [No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
2 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
3 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any
4 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in
5 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers
6 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or
7 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,
8 no political committee, continuing political committee, candidate
9 committee or joint candidates committee or any other group shall
10 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
11 any municipal committee of a political party, which in the aggregate
12 exceeds \$7,200 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates
13 committee when that is the only committee established by the
14 candidates, \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
15 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint
16 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
17 \$7,200 per year from that candidate. No campaign treasurer, deputy
18 campaign treasurer or other representative of a municipal committee
19 of a political party shall knowingly accept from an individual, a
20 corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws
21 of this State or any other state or any country other than the United
22 States, a labor organization of any kind which exists or is
23 constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
24 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
25 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
26 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
27 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
28 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of
29 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds
30 \$7,200 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when
31 that is the only committee established by the candidates, \$7,200 per
32 year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case
33 of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when
34 both are established by a candidate, \$7,200 per year from that
35 candidate.

36 No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay
37 or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a
38 municipal committee of a political party in a municipality not
39 located in that county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of
40 aggregate contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing
41 political committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal
42 committee of a political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy
43 campaign treasurer or other representative of a municipal committee
44 of a political party in any municipality shall knowingly accept from
45 any county committee of a political party in any county other than
46 the county in which the municipality is located any contribution of
47 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds the

1 amount of contributions permitted to be so paid or made under that
2 subsection.】 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. _____, c. _____). (pending
3 before the Legislature as this bill)

4 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution
5 to be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates
6 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee
7 shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.
8 (cf: P.L.2004, c.174, s.4)

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10 5. Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate
13 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
14 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other
15 thing of value to a political committee, other than a political
16 committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the
17 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or a
18 continuing political committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in
19 the case of such a political committee, \$7,200 per election, or in the
20 case of a continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year, and no
21 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
22 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint
23 candidates committee shall pay or make any contribution of money
24 or other thing of value to such a political committee or continuing
25 political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of
26 such a political committee, \$7,200 per election per candidate in the
27 joint candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
28 committee, \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
29 committee, and no candidate who has established both a candidate
30 committee and a joint candidates committee shall pay or make any
31 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
32 aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, \$7,200
33 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a continuing
34 political committee, \$7,200 per year from that candidate. No
35 political committee, other than a political committee which is
36 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a
37 public question in any election, or a continuing political committee,
38 shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a
39 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or
40 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of
41 value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
42 committee, \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a continuing
43 political committee, \$7,200 per year, and no such political
44 committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly accept
45 from candidates who have established only a joint candidates
46 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
47 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other

1 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a
2 political committee, \$7,200 per election per candidate in the joint
3 candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
4 committee, \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
5 committee, and no such political committee or continuing political
6 committee shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has
7 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
8 committee any contribution of money or other thing of value which
9 in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
10 \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a
11 continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year from that candidate.
12 For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to be
13 attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates
14 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee
15 shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.

16 b. **【**No political committee, other than a political committee
17 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat
18 of a public question in any election, and no continuing political
19 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other
20 thing of value to another political committee, other than a political
21 committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the
22 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or another
23 continuing political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in
24 the case of a recipient continuing political committee, \$7,200 per
25 year, or in the case of a recipient political committee, \$7,200 per
26 election. No political committee, other than a political committee
27 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat
28 of a public question in any election, and no continuing political
29 committee shall knowingly accept from another political committee,
30 other than a political committee which is organized to, or does, aid
31 or promote the passage or defeat of a public question in any
32 election, or another continuing political committee any contribution
33 of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in
34 the case of a recipient continuing political committee, \$7,200 per
35 year, or in the case of a recipient political committee, \$7,200 per
36 election.**】** (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before
37 the Legislature as this bill)

38 c. **【**No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
39 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
40 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any
41 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in
42 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees
43 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or
44 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,
45 nor any other group, shall pay or make any contribution of money
46 or other thing of value to a political committee, other than a
47 political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote

1 the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or a
2 continuing political committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in
3 the case of such a political committee, \$7,200 per election, or in the
4 case of a continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year, and no
5 such political committee or continuing political committee shall
6 knowingly accept any contribution in excess of those amounts from
7 an individual or from such corporation, labor organization, or other
8 group.】 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the
9 Legislature as this bill)
10 (cf: P.L.2001, c.384, s.3)
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12 6. (New section) a. In furtherance of the public policy
13 expressed in section 2 of P.L.1974, c.26 (C.19:44A-27), whenever a
14 “qualified candidate,” as defined by section 19:25-15.3 of the New
15 Jersey Administrative Code, is opposed by a “non-participating
16 candidate,” as defined by the same section of the code, and that
17 “non-participating candidate” receives contributions or makes
18 expenditures in an amount sufficient to become a “qualified
19 candidate” but fails to qualify by September 1 of the year in which
20 candidates for the office of Governor will appear on the ballot, there
21 shall be no limitation as to the amount of contributions received by
22 a “qualified candidate” which are eligible for match and the
23 limitation as to the maximum amount that any “qualified candidate”
24 may spend in aid of his or her candidacy shall be equal to the
25 amount of monies appropriated by the Legislature pursuant to
26 section 5 of P.L.1974, c.26 (C.19:44A-30).

27 b. The Election Law Enforcement Commission shall adopt
28 such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to implement
29 this section.
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31 7. This act shall take effect on January 1 following the date of
32 enactment.
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35 STATEMENT

36
37 This bill establishes new limits for campaign contributions by
38 individuals, certain groups and campaign committees.

39 Specifically, the bill:

40 1) bans each individual, corporation, union, political committee
41 and continuing political committee from making contributions to
42 candidate committees or joint candidates committees that exceed
43 \$15,000 per year in total for all candidates; and

44 2) bans each individual, corporation, union, political committee
45 and continuing political committee from making contributions to
46 political party committees, legislative leadership committees,
47 political committees, or continuing political committees that exceed

1 \$50,000 per year in total for all such entities. These limitations do
2 not apply to contributions between candidates committees, joint
3 candidate committees, political party committees or legislative
4 leadership committees of the same political party. The bill does
5 provide for a quadrennial adjustment of these limitation by the
6 Election Law Enforcement Commission based on changes in the
7 consumer price index for the area during that four-year period.

8 The bill also provides that whenever a “qualified candidate,” for
9 the office of Governor, as defined by current regulation, is opposed
10 by a “non-participating candidate,” for the office of Governor, and
11 that “non-participating candidate” receives contributions or makes
12 expenditures in an amount sufficient to become a “qualified
13 candidate,” entitled to receive public financing for the gubernatorial
14 election but fails to qualify by September 1 of the year in which
15 candidates for the office of Governor will appear on the ballot, there
16 would be no limitation as to the amount of contributions received
17 by a “qualified candidate” which are eligible for match and the
18 limitation as to the maximum amount which any “qualified
19 candidate” may spend in aid of his or her candidacy would be equal
20 to the amount of monies appropriated by the Legislature pursuant to
21 current law.